



GREGORY, Chauncey K. [R]—(Dist. No. 16, *Lancaster-York Cos.*)—Pres., Builders Supply Co.; residing in Lancaster; *b.* Mar. 18, 1963 in Lancaster; *s.* C. D. Gregory, Jr. and Eleanor Purdy Tillman; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1985; Jan. 4, 1986 *m.* Sherri Cauthen, 2 children, Marshall and Ellen Gray; mem.: Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Trustees, 2009–12; First Presbyterian

Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–08, Apr. 12, 2011–17.



GROOMS, Lawrence Kelly “Larry” [R]—(Dist. No. 37, *Berkeley-Charleston Cos.*)—Businessman; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; *m.* Carol Anderson, 3 children; Christian, Saved by Grace, April 1987; Bd. of Visitors, Charleston Southern Univ., 1996–; Bd. mem., United Methodist Relief Center, 2003–08; Exec. Comm., Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 1996–08; life mem.: Natl.

Rifle Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Texaco and Shell Marketers; Significant Contribution Award, MADD, 1998; Legis. Achievement Award, Charleston More Than a Port, 2002; Commendation for Serv. to and Support of Farmers, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Legis. Appreciation Award, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Raising the Standard Award, Heritage Comm. Servs., 2003; Natl. Legis. Impact Award, Natl. Abstinence Clearinghouse, 2004; Outstanding Serv. Award, Amer. Legion Dept. of S.C., 2004; Legislator of the Year, Carolina’s Independent Automobile Dealers Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Public Charter School Assn., 2004; Friend to the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2005; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed., 2006; Humane State Legislator Award, Humane Soc. of U.S., 2006; Bd. mem., Southern Methodist Coll., 2006–; Adv. Bd. mem., Natl. Council on Bible Curriculum, 2007–; Legis. Serv. Award, Sweetgrass Market Place Coalition, 2007; Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 2007, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion Award (for outstanding leadership in the defense of faith, family, and freedom), Palmetto Family Council, 2007–08, 2011–12; Legislator of the Year, Construction

Network of the Carolinas, 2008; The Westendorff Award for Serv. to Those in Need, United Methodist Relief Center, 2008; Leadership Award, S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, 2008; Legislator of the Year, Maritime Assn. of S.C., 2008, 2009; Friend of Transit Award, Transportation Assn. of S.C., 2009; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Fraternal Order of Police, 2009; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Charter Network, 2009; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010; Peas and Carrots Award for improving environmental and econ. quality of life, Citizens for Sound Conservation, 2010; Legis. Leader Award, ABATE of S.C., 2010; Legis. Serv. Recognition, Boeing, 2010; Panama Canal Authority recognition, Canal de Panamá, 2010; Boeing Leadership Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2010; 100% Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010; Golden Apple Award, S.C. Chap., Natl. Coalition for Public School Options, 2011; Political Courage Award, Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 2011; Support of Liberty Award, ABATE of S.C., 2012; Sword & Mace Award (for score of 100 for promotion and protection of the free, private, and competitive enterprise system), S.C. BIPEC, 2012; Pro-Life Legislator of the Year, S.C. Citizens for Life, 2012; Legis. Appreciation Award, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2013; Public Servant Award, S.C. Baptist Convention, 2013; Hon. Lt. Col., S.C. DNR, 2014; Trident Tech, Champion for Econ. Dev. Award, 2015, 2016; Barrett Lawrimore Leadership Award, Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2015; S.C. Champion of School Choice Award, 2015; past Chm., Deacon Bd., First Baptist Church, St. Stephen; Chm. & founder, S.C. Legis. Prayer Caucus, 2016–; Pro-Life Legislator of the Year, S.C. Citizens for Life, 2016; mem., Pointe North Community Church, Moncks Corner; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 1997–17.

HEMBREE, Greg [R]—(Dist. No. 28, Dillon-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 4509 Lake Cir., Little River; *b.* Aug. 21, 1960 in Ft. Leonardwood, Mo.; *s.* John H. and Mary E. Hembree; *g.* Univ. of Memphis, B.B.A. in Economics, 1982; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1985; Dec. 7, 1985 *m.* Renee Robertson, 3 children, Nora Taylor, Ellen Hall,



and John Isaac; 15th Circuit Solicitor (Horry & Georgetown Cos.), 1999–12; N. Myrtle Beach City Atty., 1995–99; S.C. rep. to the Natl. Dist. Attys. Assn., 2009–12; S.C. Rep. Party Local Official Award, 2009; S.C. Law Enforcement Victim Advocates Solicitor of the Year Award, 2009; Waccamaw Amer. Leadership Forum Charter mem.; Col. Lemuel Benton Chap. of Sons of the Amer. Revolution Pres., 2006–07; N. Myrtle Beach Rotary Club mem.; Grand Strand Running Club Charter mem.; Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church Elder; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–17.



HUTTO, Brad [D]—(Dist. No. 40, Allendale-Bamberg-Barnwell-Colleton-Hampton-Orangeburg Cos.)—Trial Lawyer; residing at 1330 Tolly Ganly Cir., Orangeburg; b. Aug. 6, 1957 in Orangeburg; s. Charles L. and Harriet L. Hutto; g. Honors Prog. at Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1978; Georgetown Univ. Law Center, J.D., 1981; July 20, 1985 m. Tracy D. Macpherson, 1 child, Skyler

B.; Chm., Orangeburg Co. Dem. Party, 1988–94; Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow; prev. serv. in Sen. Apr. 30, 1996–17.



JACKSON, Darrell, Sr. [D]—(Dist. No. 21, Richland Co.)—Senior Pastor, Bible Way Church of Atlas Rd.; residing at 608 Motley Rd., Hopkins; b. Feb. 1, 1957 in Columbia; s. the late Bishop Andrew C. and Janie (Lumpkin) Jackson; g. Benedict Coll., B.A. (Pres. of the Student Govt. Assn.); Cola. Intl. Univ., M.A.; m. Willie Mae Rooks, 2 adult children, Darrell, Jr. and Antoine

Joseph, 1 granddaughter; former Bd. of Dirs. & mem., Denny's Corp.; SisterCare, Inc.; former Bd. of Trustees & mem., Benedict Coll.; former Bd. of Dirs. & mem., Big Brothers Big Sisters; former Trustee, United Way of the Midlands; Benedict Coll. Most Distinguished Student Award, 1979; Phi Beta Sigma Comm. Serv. Award, 1995; Omega Psi Phi Frat. Citizen of the Year Award, 1999; Richland School Dist. One Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, 1999; Modjeska Monteith Simkins Political Courage Award, 2000; Outstanding

Legis. Initiative, S.C. Victims Assistance Network, 2000; Hon. Doctorate Degree, Benedict Coll., 2002; Hon. Doctorate Degree, Richard Stockton Coll., Pomona, N.J., 2002; Carolina Scholarship Inc. Lifetime Achievement Award, 2003; Webster Univ. Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004; Allen Univ. Richard Allen Award, 2008; S.C. Law Enforcement Assn. Humanitarian of the Year, 2008; Phi Beta Sigma African Amer. Male Image Award, 2008; S.C. Primary Health Care Assn. Comm. Health Center Champion Award, 2009; Young Stroke, Inc. Champion Award, 2010; Amer. Heart Assn. Legislator of the Year Award, 2011; S.C. State Univ. Distinguished Comm. Serv. Award, 2012; S.C. Employees Assn. Distinguished Serv. Award, 2013; S.C. Chamber of Commerce Bus. Advocate Award, 2014; The Cola. Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Advocate for Bus. Award, 2015; Pawmetto Lifeline Comm. Champion & Animal Advocate Award, 2016; Hon. Doctorate Degree, Cola. Intl. Univ., 2016; prev. serv. in Sen. 1993–17.

JOHNSON, Kevin L. [D]—(Dist. No. 36, *Clarendon-Darlington-Florence-Sumter Cos.*)—Full-time Legislator; residing in Manning; *b.* Sept. 27, 1960 in Ft. Campbell, Ky.; *s.* the late Willie L. and the late Sallie M. Johnson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1982; July 5, 1987 *m.* Gloria Richardson, 3 children, Kimberly, Kenneth, and Kyndra; *mem.*: Clarendon School Dist. Two, 1988–00; *Chm.*, Black River Healthcare, Inc., 1988–04; Manning City Council, 1994–00; Leadership S.C., 1995; Natl. Conf. of Black Mayors, 2003–09; Pres., S.C. Conf. of Black Mayors, 2004–10; S.C. Exec. Inst., 2006; Santee-Lynches Council of Govt.; Mayor, City of Manning, 2000–11; S.C. Assn. of Regional Councils, 2002–11; Diversity Leaders Initiative, 2011; Clarendon Co. Chamber of Commerce; Harvin Clarendon Co. Library; Regional Counter Terrorism Coordinating Council; *Chm.*, *mem.*: Clarendon Co. Legis. Delegation; DSS Oversight Com.; S.C. Educ. Oversight Com.; 2017 graduate of the Educ. Policy Fellowship prog.; *mem.* & *Chm.*, Bd. of Trustees, Ebenezer Baptist Church; House of Reps. Apr. 5, 2011–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–17.





KIMPSON, Marlon E. [D]—(Dist. No. 42, Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Charleston; *b.* Apr. 15 in Columbia; *s.* Milton and Wilhelmina Kimpson; *g.* Morehouse Coll., B.A., 1991; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1999; *m.* Kimberlyn Davis, 2 children, Marleigh and Marlon; mem.: Omega Psi Phi Frat., 1989–; S.C. Assn. for Justice, 1997–; Law Clerk, Hon. Matthew J. Perry, 1999–00;

Univ. of S.C. School of Law Compleat Lawyer Award, 1999; Chm., S.C. Election Comm., 2001–03; mem., Univ. of S.C. Bd. of Visitors, 2006–09; life mem., NAACP, 2011–; named one of the 2014–17 Best Lawyers in America® for mass tort litigation/class action litigation; selected for the Liberty Fellowship Class of 2016; Amer. Assn. of Justice Minority Caucus 2017 Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Soaring Eagle Award; mem., Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, 2002–; prev. serv. in Sen. Oct. 1, 2013–17.

LEATHERMAN, Hugh Kenneth, Sr., Businessman & Pres. *Pro Tempore* (for biography and picture, see p. 20).



MALLOY, Gerald [D]—(Dist. No. 29, Chesterfield-Darlington-Lee-Marlboro Cos.)—Atty.; residing at 1216 Salem Rd., Hartsville; *b.* Oct. 26, 1961 in Chesterfield Co.; *s.* John A. and Geraldine Malloy; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1984, J.D., 1988; continued studies in the Professional Masters of Bus. Admin.; July 8, 1989 *m.* Davita McFarland, 4 children, Donovan, Jonathan,

Jordan, and Morgan; admitted to practice in the S.C. Courts and Fed. Dist. Court; past Pres., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.; former mem., S.C. Supreme Court Comm. on Lawyer Conduct, 1996–02; Rep. for Fourth Judicial Circuit for Young Lawyers Div., S.C. Bar Assn.; served on Judicial Qualifications Com. of the S.C. Bar Assn.; former Chm., Public Defenders Bd. of Darlington Co. Bar Assn.; former Chm., Hartsville Recreation Comm.; former Pres., Hartsville Northern Youth Baseball League; life mem., Univ. of S.C. Alumni Bd.; life mem., Univ. of S.C. Alumni Assn.; helped establish Butler Heritage Foundation; mem.: S.C. Bar Assn., Comdr., Indigent Defense Comm.;

hon. life mem., S.C. Public Defender Investigators Assn. Bd.; Gov.'s School for Science and Math Foundation Bd.; Appeals Com. for the S.C. Comm. on Higher Educ. Bd.; Center for Educator, Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA); Chm., S.C. Criminal Justice Task Force; life mem., Univ. of S.C. Letterman Assn.; Lions Club Intl.; life mem., Omega Psi Phi Frat., Inc.; recipient of the Home Rule Award by S.C. Assn. of Counties, 2003; recipient of the S.C. Library Assn. Friend of the Libraries, 2004; inducted into the Natl. Honor Roll for the Natl. Library Assn., 2005; recognized by S.C. Dept. of Juvenile Justice for support of Teen After School Centers (TASC) Prog., 2007; recipient of the S.C. Public Defender Assn. Legislator of the Year Award, 2007; recipient of the S.C. Comm. on Indigent Defense Distinguished Serv. Award, 2008 (this award was named the Gerald Malloy Distinguished Serv. Award and is awarded annually); recipient of the S.C. Fraternal Order of Police Legislator of the Year, 2010; recipient of the YMCA Legislator of the Year, 2013; recipient of the NACDL Champion of State Criminal Justice Reform Award, 2016; mem., Jerusalem Bd. of Trustees; Chm., Fin. Com., Jerusalem Baptist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 5, 2002–17.

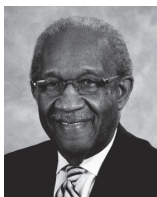
MARTIN, Shane R. [R]—(Dist. No. 13, Greenville-Spartanburg-Union Cos.)—Engineer & Bus. Owner; residing in Spartanburg Co.; *b.* Dec. 31, 1971 in Spartanburg; *s.* Shellie and Cheryl Martin; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1994, M.S., 1999; June 7, 1997 *m.* Amy M., 2 children, Ashlyn and Aidan; Bd. of Trustees, Spartanburg Co. School Dist. Six, 2005–08; mem., Amer. Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, 1994–; Chm., Spartanburg Co. Legis. Delegation; hon. mem., Pacolet Lions Club; Friend of the Taxpayer, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers; Chm., Sen. Corrections and Penology Com.; mem.: Sen. Fin. Com.; Sen. Med. Affairs Com.; Sen. Rules Com.; Deacon, Philadelphia Baptist Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–17.





MASSEY, A. Shane [R]—(Dist. No. 25, Aiken-Edgefield-Lexington-McCormick-Saluda Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Edgefield; *b.* June 28, 1975 in Greeneville, Tenn.; *s.* Gary M. and Linda S. Massey; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.A., 1997; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2000; Jan. 31, 2004 *m.* Blair Leigh Ballard; 11th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Arbitration Prog., Volunteer Arbitrator; Strom Thur-

mond High School Mock Trial Team, Atty.-coach; Johnston Dev. Bd.; Aiken Rep. Club, Bd. of Dirs., 2006, Pres., 2007; Edgefield Co. First Steps, Bd. of Dirs., 2006–08; Johnston and Edgefield Lions Clubs; Edgefield Co. United Way, Bd. of Dirs.; Aiken Sertoma Club; Providence Baptist Church, Deacon and Sunday School Teacher; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 6, 2007–17.



MATTHEWS, John Wesley, Jr. [D]—(Dist. No. 39, Berkeley-Calhoun-Colleton-Dorchester-Orangeburg Cos.)—Businessman & Retired Elementary School Principal; residing in Bowman, R-1; *b.* Apr. 21, 1940 in Bowman; *s.* the late John Wesley, Sr. and the late Victoria (Williams) Matthews; *g.* S.C. State Coll.; Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech. Coll., 1970–71; Lincoln Elec. Inst.,

Cleveland, Ohio, 1972; Hon. Ph.D., Coll. of Charleston; Hon. Ph.D., S.C. State Univ.; Hon. Ph.D., Med. Univ. of S.C., 2017; Feb. 5, 1961 *m.* the late Geraldine Hillard, 5 children, Cynthia John, Michael Andre, Stephanie Renata, John Wesley III, and Brian DeReef; mem., Alpha Phi Alpha Frat; former Chm., S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Chm., Orangeburg Co. Legis. Delegation; Southern Regional Educ. Bd.; Distinguished Alumni Award, S.C. State Univ.; Orangeburg Co. Dem. of the Year; Minority Bus. Advocate of the Year, U.S. Small Bus. Admin.; Induction in the S.C. Black Hall of Fame; S.C. Primary Health Care Legislator of the Year; S.C. Chamber of Commerce Bus. Advocate Award; Congressman James Clyburn and Congressman John Spratt Public Serv. Award; Chm., Orangeburg Co. Leadership Delegation; S.C. Bd. of Educ. Oversight; mem., Pineville United Methodist Church; House of Reps. 1975–84; prev. serv. in Sen. 1985–17.

MATTHEWS, Margie Bright [D]—(Dist. No. 45, Allendale-Beaufort-Charleston-Colleton-Hampton-Jasper Cos.)—Atty., office at 205 E. Washington St., Walterboro; *b.* Feb. 10 in Walterboro; *d.* Herbert Garfield and Jessie Rine Davis Bright; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1985, Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1989; Oct. 24, 1992 *m.* Patrick F. Matthews, 4 children, Jessica



Devan Bright, Patrice Corrin Matthews, Meredith Whitney Matthews, and Mattison Bright Matthews; Pres., Colleton Co. Bar Assn.; Amer. Assn. for Justice (AAJ), State Del.; SCAJ, Bd. of Govs.; Certified Circuit Court Mediator; elected in Special Election Oct. 20, 2015–17.

McELVEEN, J. Thomas III [D]—(Dist. No. 35, Kershaw-Lee-Richland-Sumter Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Sumter; *b.* Feb. 17, 1978 in Sumter; *s.* Joe and Kathy (Watson) McElveen; *g.* Davidson Coll., B.A., 2000; Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 2003; Aug. 13, 2011 *m.* Bronwyn Kelson McKnew, 1 child, Adelaide Watson; Leadership Sumter, Class XVII; prosecuted cases for the Sumter



Co. Sheriff's Office, 2004; former asst. public defender, Sumter Co., 2004–05; Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Bd. of Dirs., 2009–10; Judicial Qualifications Com., S.C. Bar, 2009–12; Shaw-Sumter Comm. Council; Sumter Sertoma Club; S.C. Chamber of Commerce Bus. Advocate Award, 2013, 2017; State Legis. Leaders Foundation Emerging Leaders Program, 2013; VC, Sen. Sportsmen's Caucus; Leadership S.C., Class of 2014; "20 under 40" by *The State* newspaper, 2014; Wilson Hall Distinguished Alumni Award, 2014; Hon. Wing Comd. Prog., 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw AFB, 2014–17; S.C. DSS Oversight Subcom., 2015; 2015 SCIMPH Health Policy Fellow; 2016 Hon. State FFA degree; Youth Basketball Coach, Sumter YMCA, 2016; 2017 S.C. Natl. Guard Assn. Senator of the Year; 2017 Conservation Voters of S.C. Green Tie Award; Liberty Fellowship Class of 2018; mem., First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, Deacon and Youth Council Advisor; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–17.



McLEOD, Mia S. [D]—(Dist. No. 22, Kershaw-Richland Cos.)—Communications Consultant; Pres., McLeod Butler Communications, LLC; residing in Northeast Columbia; *b.* Aug. 19 in Bennettsville; *d.* the late James S. and Shirley J. McLeod; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990, Univ. of S.C. School of Law, J.D., 1995; Office of S.C. Atty. Gen., Dir., Violence Against Women Act

(VAWA) Project, 1997–99; Adjunct Instructor, Mgmt. 250—Professional Comm., Univ. of S.C.—Darla Moore School of Bus., 1998–99; Dir., State Office of Victim Assistance, 1999–01; Dir. of Governmental Affairs, S.C. Dept. of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services, 2001–02; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2007–10; mem., Rice Creek School Improvement Council (SIC), Richland School Dist. Two, 2003–07, Chm., 2003–04; Co-Chm., Richland School Dist. Two Bond Referendum Campaign of 2008; Ridge View High School SIC, 2009–; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sor., Inc.; Liberty Fellow; S.C. Diversity Leader; New Deal Leader; Early Learning Fellow; mem., First Northeast Baptist Church; House of Reps., 2011–16; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017.



NICHOLSON, Floyd “Coach Nick” [D]—(Dist. No. 10, Abbeville-Greenwood-McCormick-Saluda Cos.)—Retired Educator; residing at 527 Bryte St., Greenwood; *b.* July 26, 1949 in Greenwood; *s.* Marion N. and Nona Nicholson; *g.* S.C. State Univ., B.S., 1972; 1977 *m.* Mamie W., 3 children, Douglas Anthony, Cedric Antonio, and Floyd Michael; Greenwood City Council,

1982–93; Chm., Upper Savannah Council of Govts., 1990–92; Mayor, City of Greenwood, 1994–08; Hon. Doctor of Humanities, Lander Univ., 1997; Pres., S.C. Municipal Assn., 2001; mem., Jim Rex Supt. of Educ. Transition Team, 2006; Higher Educ., Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Accountability Review Com.; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–17.